

Public Comment Form

Climate Action Council Draft Scoping Plan

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Draft Scoping Plan Comments
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Check all topics to which your comments apply - (I checked 11, 12, and 24)

- Chapter 2. The Time is Now to Decarbonize Our Economy
- Chapter 3. New York's Climate Leadership
- Chapter 4. Current Emissions
- Chapter 5. Overarching Purpose and Objectives of the Scoping Plan
- Chapter 6. Achieving Climate Justice
- Chapter 7. Just Transition
- Chapter 8. Public Health
- Chapter 9. Analysis of the Plan
- Chapter 10. Benefits of the Plan
- Chapter 11. Transportation
- Chapter 12. Buildings
- Chapter 13. Electricity
- Chapter 14. Industry
- Chapter 15. Agriculture and Forestry
- Chapter 16. Waste

- Chapter 17. Economy-wide Strategies
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- Chapter 19. Land Use
- Chapter 20. Local Government
- Chapter 21. Adaptation and Resilience
- Chapter 22. Essential Elements
- Chapter 23. Reporting
- Chapter 24. Future Work

Comment (2000 characters maximum)

I was not aware until recently that there was an opportunity for public comments - received a notice from my NYS Assemblyman. 2000 character maximum is not nearly enough to share my opinion - shame on you for a tight restriction. I am now modifying my comments below.

My major concern is the timeline which, if adopted, appears to be mandatory. If I understand correctly, there are extreme changes within the very-near future. These include banning natural gas installations within 2 years and a total ban of all new natural gas appliances by the end of the decade.

Many households, including mine, in upstate New York are heated by and cook with natural gas. The expense of a mandatory conversion to electric or other technology by a specific date is totally unreasonable. The cost would bankrupt most low and middle-income families.

Further, total restrictions of gasoline automobile sales within 13 years is unrealistic.

There have been great strides in electric or hybrid vehicles in the past two decades. Corporate electric fleets, esp. in larger cities, have already created less air pollution there. We need to continue to encourage folks and businesses to reduce their gas dependence where possible.

However, if indeed all gasoline automotive sales end in 2035, this creates major problems across the board. Swapping every gasoline/diesel powered or hybrid vehicle (cars, trucks, buses, etc.) for 100% electric vehicles will create a HUGE need for both power and infrastructure. At this time, neither exists. Consider all of NYS plugging in their personal vehicles at night and the power grid cannot possibly keep up with the need. I envision rolling blackouts similar to California - wouldn't that be fun !!! Also consider the cost - I certainly don't have the resources to purchase an electric car, and I'm better off than many folks. Very few public power stations exist in the Finger Lakes for traveling.

And let's not forget the farming industry. OOPS - Out of room